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Father facing charges in baby assault

Life-threatening injuries. Child in IWK

A Halifax man appeared in Halifax Provincial Court on Wednesday while his child remains in hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Philip Jason Bowden, 37, is facing charges of aggravated assault and failing to provide necessities of life.

The child, whose name and gender was not released due to the sensitive nature of the case, is still in the hospital, said Const. Brian Palmetter, spokesman for Halifax Regional Police.

Police were called to the IWK Health Centre on Monday at approximately 6 p.m. for a suspected case of child abuse of a six-week-old baby who had sustained life-threatening injuries, Palmetter said.

As a result of the police investigation, the Halifax Regional Police and RCMP integrated major crime unit laid charges against the child's father. However, the investigation is still ongoing, Palmetter added, and additional charges could be laid.

"God forbid if there's a change in the child's condition, (but) there is that con-



Philip Jason Bowden is led from Halifax Provincial Court. Bowden is charged with aggravated assault of his six-week-old child.

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sideration. If new or additional information comes to light to suggest additional charges are warranted, then we are obviously going to explore that window at the appropriate time," he said.

Bowden, who was remanded to Dartmouth jail will be back in court on Friday afternoon for a show-cause hearing.

The incident comes a little more than a week after Ashiqur Rahman of Halifax was sentenced to 6 1/2 years in prison for the 2009 death of his infant daughter Aurora Breakthrough.

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IT department review

Province withholds 'Project Kayak' documents

A review into the provincial government's IT department has been operating under the codename "Project Kayak."

The Department of Finance is refusing to release any details about the review, which could affect up to 80 unionized employees in the Corporate Information Systems division.

All spokeswoman Michelle Lucas would confirm is that a review is underway.

"We're not talking about any of the details related to the review," Lucas said Wednesday. "(The name of the review) would be a detail, and that's not something we're confirming."

Metro Halifax has filed four separate freedom of information requests for documents relating to the review. No documents have been released based on a number of different exemptions, including that releasing the documents may compromise the "financial or economic interests" of the province.

Documents were also withheld because they included advice to the minister of finance, as well as the deliberations of Premier Darrell Dexter's cabinet.

The CIS division manages the province's SAP system, which supports "financial and other business functions for the government," according to the department.

Before he resigned from cabinet, former finance minister Graham Steele called SAP a "big, expensive system," but said the province was not considering moving away from it.

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How green the Gardens grow, with a little TLC

Gardener Tracy Jessen works on the bed of a Koster's blue spruce in the Halifax Public Gardens on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

German chancellor expected in Halifax

Talking science.
Merkel ends Canada trip on the East Coast



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German Chancellor Angela Merkel is scheduled to visit Halifax's Dalhousie University on Thursday as part of a two-day visit to Canada.

Merkel, along with Premier Darrell Dexter and federal Minister of State for Science and Technology Gary Goodyear, will meet with a number of the university's scientists to discuss German-Canadian partnerships in ocean science.

The chancellor will tour a "scientific exhibition" at the university's Henry Hicks

Quoted

"(Merkel) will be meeting with researchers at Dalhousie and learning about a lot of the most exciting projects that are taking place here ... particularly on the oceans side."

Dalhousie University spokesman Charles Crosby



Angela Merkel
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building, as well as Dalhousie's Aquatron Laboratory, the largest aquatic research facility in the country.

Merkel will also be present for the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Dalhousie's

Marine Research Institute and Germany's Helmholtz Association.

Halifax will be Merkel's only Canadian stop outside of the Ottawa region. On Wednesday, Merkel met with Prime Minister Stephen Harper to discuss a Canada-Europe free trade agreement as well as the seemingly interminable European financial crisis.

Harper has made it clear that he wants a trade deal signed by the end of the year,

and told reporters in Toronto earlier this week that discussions are proceeding in "a positive way."

The federal government estimates the trade deal could boost the national economy by \$12 billion annually.

As for Canadian support for the struggling European economy, federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty made it clear Wednesday he believes Europe has the resources to handle the problem itself.

"We have been clear for several years that not only should the European countries take overwhelming, concerted action to take control of the situation," Flaherty said, "but also that the European countries themselves have more than adequate resources to do so."

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Charged in beating death. Review into Denny's release still pending



Andre Noel Denny METRO FILE

A review into Andre Noel Denny's release from the East Coast Forensic Hospital may not be released until mid-September.

Carla Grant, a spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Wellness, said the review is now expected to be released by the end of the summer. When asked for a more specific deadline, Grant said it should be released by mid-September.

Denny was on a one-hour leave from the hospital, located in Burnside, when he failed to return on April 17.

He was later found on Gottingen Street and charged with the beating death of Raymond Taavel, a well-known gay rights advocate, outside Menz Bar.

On the way into his first court appearance in April, Denny yelled "Public drunken fight ... what can I say?" at collected reporters.

Denny is scheduled to appear in court with his lawyer, Don Murray, on Sept. 20. The case has been delayed several times as Toronto psychologist Hy Bloom completes his assessment of the 33-year-old.

Psychiatric assessment

- According to the Public Prosecution Service, Denny's psychiatric assessment is expected to be complete before his next court appearance on Sept. 20.

The review into Denny's release was originally expected to be released by mid-May. The provincial NDP extended that deadline to July.

It's expected to include

outside expert advice specific to Capital Health, the Department of Health and Wellness, and the Department of Justice.

John Gillis, a spokesman for Capital Health, said he expects the health authority to receive its review within a matter of days — but could not say how long it will take to compile the complete report. A spokeswoman for the Department of Justice directed media requests to her colleagues at the Department of Health and Wellness.

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Interchange to boost housing in Membertou

Supply and demand.
150 families in the area still on a waiting list for new homes

Membertou broke ground on a project that will link the community to the province's highway and nearby reserve lands.

Digging a shovel into the ground on Wednesday was a symbolic gesture, as construction has already begun on the \$7-million interchange to be built at the end of Tupsi Drive near Maliktuk Court.

"The interchange will provide increased opportunities for commercial development, but more importantly this interchange will connect our lands and provide access to these lands for new housing developments," said Membertou Chief Terry Paul on Wednesday.

Membertou owns land south on the opposite side of Highway 125. As part of Paul's 15th consecutive term, he



Elder Katy McEwen, left, performs a smudging ceremony in Membertou on Wednesday afternoon with Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan.
ERIN POTTIE/CAPE BRETON POST

promised to build 125 homes over the next five years. Census figures show that 912 people lived in Membertou in 2011, up from 726 in 2006.

"Mostly people (are) having families. A lot our people don't go anywhere, but we do have people that do come back from other parts of the world," said Paul. "They see that's it's pretty active and booming."

The federal government and the province will each provide \$3 million, while Membertou's

contribution is \$1 million. "It's just a continuation of the kind of foresight and vision we have seen out of Membertou for the last 10 to 15 years," said Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter.

In 1995, Membertou was operating on a \$4-million budget with a \$1-million operating deficit with only 37 employees. According to recent financial statements, Membertou has more than \$27 million in net assets and employs up to 800 people. **CAPE BRETON POST**

GPS pilot project helps find missing elderly man

A pilot project helped police find a missing Halifax man within minutes last weekend.

On Sunday at 10:58 a.m., Halifax police responded to a report of a 75-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease who had been missing in Hemlock Ravine Park for about two hours. It took officers 10 minutes to locate the man.

The man is a participant in Project S.O.F.T. (Satellite Option Finding Technology) Ware that launched in January. Participants wear a GPS device that looks like a large wristwatch and contains a cellphone built inside it. "It's really nice to see it do what it was designed to do,

System fees

The device costs \$230 plus tax, the monitoring system costs \$84 a year, and the cellphone plan costs \$96 annually.

especially in a situation where someone's life may be on the line," said Const. Matthew MacGillivray on Tuesday.

MacGillivray, who oversees the project that currently monitors 10 individuals, said S.O.F.T. Ware is a way for those living on their own with Alzheimer's

or dementia to maintain a sense of independence, and to give caregivers peace of mind.

"To be able to track their exact position is a huge asset," he said.

The device connects with the satellite to find its position and then uses the cellphone signal to send a message to a web-based tracking system. Police use the tracking software to locate the individual within three to five metres.

The project, funded by the Department of Seniors, is free for the remainder of the year to those 55 years of age and older who have Alzheimer's or dementia. **ANDREW CALEY/FOR METRO**

Roundtable. MP targets Internet predators

Protecting children from Internet predators is one of the greatest challenges facing society from a crime-prevention perspective, a Nova Scotia member of Parliament believes.

"Crime is on the Internet and I believe the advances in technology right now are one of the biggest threats to children that we have in Canada," Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley MP Scott Armstrong said.

Speaking to reporters following a crime-prevention roundtable in Truro, Armstrong said it is going to require the co-operation of all levels of government to deal with the technological-based threat.

"It used to be that you didn't have to worry about those sorts of things," Armstrong said. "But now we're facing children being at threat from pedophiles

from all corners of the globe."

The roundtable dealt with a variety of subjects, from the dangers of bath salts and the strain of policing costs to municipalities and proposed legislation to deal with cyber-bullying.

"One of things that I brought forward was the good work of the Town of Truro and (what) their police service has done with the Cyber Cop Program," Armstrong said. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**



Representatives of NewPage Port Hawkesbury await the start of a creditors meeting on Wednesday at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre. Creditors have approved the sale of the mill. NANCY KING/CAPE BRETON POST

Creditors OK plan to sell NewPage mill

Plant closed since September. Approval could pave the way for the facility to reopen

Another hurdle to reopening the idled NewPage Port Hawkesbury paper mill was cleared Wednesday, when creditors overwhelmingly approved a plan to sell the mill to Pacific West Commercial Corp.

Among unsecured general creditors, 99.4 per cent, representing 99.9 per cent of the value of the claims, voted in favour of the plan of arrangement. Among secured U.S. noteholders, 80 per cent voted in favour of the deal, repre-

senting 88 per cent of the value of their claims.

Many of the creditors voted by proxy ahead of the meetings and did not attend. The separate meetings for the two creditor classes wrapped up quickly.

Creditors agreed to give up their claims against the company in return for pennies on the dollar.

The mill has been in creditor protection and in an indefinite shutdown since last September, throwing hundreds of people who relied on the region's largest employer out of work.

The full price that Pacific West Commercial Corp. has bid for the mill is \$33.5 million. Of that, \$31 million will go to U.S. noteholders, with

Getting back to work

There are three remaining hurdles that Pacific West must overcome in order to reopen the mill:

- An advanced tax ruling from Canada Revenue Agency.
- A Utility and Review Board ruling on a reduced power rate.
- A deal with the province for access to Crown land.

the general unsecured creditor class sharing the remainder. NANCY KING/CAPE BRETON POST



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Trying to right wrongs

Penn State to host sex-abuse conference

Penn State announced Wednesday that it will host a national child-sex-abuse conference this fall, the latest in a series of initiatives designed to raise awareness of the issue and help the university recover from a devastating molestation scandal.

The gathering scheduled for Oct. 29 and 30 in State

College will feature academic and clinical experts on childhood molestation and trauma, as well as remarks by retired boxing champ Sugar Ray Leonard and former kidnapping victim Elizabeth Smart, both of whom suffered sexual abuse.

"Penn State has made a commitment to becoming a leader in the research, prevention and treatment of child abuse, and this conference is an important part of that," university President Rodney Erickson said in a statement.

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Caregiving

'Silver tsunami' PSA launched

There's a campaign beginning Thursday to raise awareness of the heavy impact of family caregiving as the U.S. ages — and to point overwhelmed families toward resources that may ease the strain.

In a new public-service ad, a woman grips her car's steering wheel as her frail father, on oxygen, coughs beside her and her kids play in the back seat.

The frustration is recognizable to millions who struggle to care for aging loved ones while holding down jobs and raising children.

AARP vice-president Debra Whitman says most don't know where to turn for help. An AARP report found families provide a staggering \$450 billion US worth of unpaid care annually — and other research shows the toll that can take on the caregivers' own health and finances.

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Attacks fly as U.S. race gets increasingly acrimonious

Election. Romney accuses Obama of running campaign driven by 'hatred'; Obama says that his rival's hawking 'trickle-down snake oil'

Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney said U.S. President Barack Obama is running a campaign driven by "division and attack and hatred" and called on him Wednesday to lift the tone of political discourse.

In a close and increasingly acrimonious race, Romney went on national television to say he thinks Obama is "running just to hang onto power, and I think he would do anything in his power" to remain in office.

They were some of Romney's harshest words yet against the president. He was

interviewed on CBS television from the battleground state of Ohio, one of fewer than 10 key states that will help decide the November election.

Closing out a three-day bus journey across the Midwestern state of Iowa, Obama did not respond to the Romney attack, but accused his opponent in the Nov. 6 presidential election of "trying to sell this trickle-down snake oil before."

Many business-friendly Republicans maintain that creating a better economic climate for top income earners and big corporations produces benefits that spread downward to lower-income workers.

Obama insists that Romney and his newly named vice-presidential running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, have laid out a program that reprises the economic policies of former President George W. Bush: Big tax breaks for the wealthy and cuts to the social safety net for older people and the needy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. President Barack Obama looks on as Michelle Obama speaks during a campaign stop on Wednesday in Iowa. CHARLIE NEIBERGAL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks to travelling press secretary Rick Gorka on Wednesday in Ohio. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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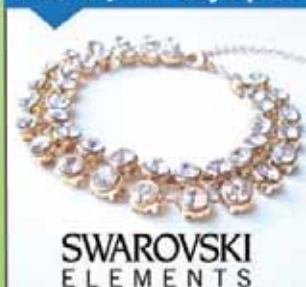


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Bladder trouble

Prince Philip, 91, back in hospital

Queen Elizabeth's husband, Prince Philip, was admitted to hospital in Aberdeen, Scotland, on Wednesday with a recurrence of the bladder infection he suffered earlier this summer.

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'Oh my god!'

Gunfire, panic in temple rampage

Gunfire can be heard in recordings of emergency calls from the scene of the shooting that killed six worshippers at a Sikh temple in the U.S.

Milwaukee County authorities on Wednesday released tapes from the Aug. 5 attack at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin.

As one caller says "There's a shooting," gunfire can be heard. At one point, with phones ringing, a dispatcher says, "Oh my god!"

White supremacist Wade Michael Page opened fire before shooting himself.

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Icon's home robbed

Steve Jobs' wallet had dollar inside

The burglar who broke into the late Steve Jobs' house made off with the Apple Inc. co-founder's wallet with a dollar inside and his driver's licence, in addition to Apple gadgets and jewellery, says a police report.

The suspect, Kariem McFarlin, 35, faces almost eight years in prison if convicted.

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Injured but alive: A youngster leaves a hospital in Azaz after an airstrike Wednesday. KHALIL HAMRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Town's double dose of misery

Carnage in Syria. Two savage bombing raids reportedly kill at least 20, including a baby

Syrian fighter jets swooped in low over the rebel-held town of Azaz Wednesday in two bombing runs that sent panicked civilians fleeing for cover and reduced homes to rubble.

The U.K.-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 23 people died in the double airstrike and more than 200 were wounded.

Mohammed Nour, a local activist reached by phone, put the death toll at 25.

Reporters saw a baby among the dead, and dozens wounded, most of them women and children.

One man was pulled

bloodied but alive from the wreckage of destroyed homes. "God is great! God is great!" yelled his rescuers.

Nearby, a woman sat on the pile of bricks that once was her home, cradling a dead baby. Two other bodies lay next to her.

"I saw the plane come down and some missiles fall and then there was smoke all over," said Mohammed Fuad, 18, who lives near the site of the attacks.

"When it cleared, we heard screaming and saw rubble all over the streets."

The attack came on the same day the United Nations released a report accusing Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces of war crimes in the killings of more than 100 civilians — nearly half of them children — in the village of Houla in May.

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Wants new ideas

Baird thinks again over \$2 million

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has changed his mind about giving \$2 million to a Syrian-Canadian group so it could buy medical supplies.

The Canadian Press has learned Baird has told officials to find another way to get the supplies to Syria.

But a government source says Baird is concerned that some of the funds will be used for warehouses and other infrastructure.

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Mourning. Japan begs forgiveness for atrocities

Japan marked the 67th anniversary of its Second World War surrender with a sombre ceremony in the capital Wednesday.

Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda mourned the war dead and apologized to victims of Japanese wartime atrocities.

"We have caused tremendous damage and pain to many countries, particularly the Asian people, during the war," Noda said.

"We deeply regret that and sincerely mourn for those who were sacrificed and their relatives. We will not repeat the same mistake."

Meanwhile, tensions be-

Sex slaves

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak condemned Japan for forcing thousands of Korean women into sexual slavery for Japanese soldiers during the war.

tween Japan and its neighbours have threatened to boil over in recent weeks.

Tokyo was angered by a recent visit by South Korean President Lee Myung-bak to contested islands in the Sea of Japan.

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Protest. Pussy Riot fans plan global wave of love

The global campaign to free the Pussy Riot punk band trio is gaining speed.

Band supporters are mobilizing Friday in at least two dozen cities worldwide — including Toronto — to hold demonstrations as a Russian court rules on whether the three women will be freed.

The three have been in jail for more than five months because of an anti-Putin prank in Moscow's main cathedral.

Calls for them to be freed have come from celebrities such as Madonna and Bjork.

Protests have been held in a number of western capitals, including Berlin, where

last week about 400 people joined Canadian electro-pop performance artist Peaches to support the band.

In one of the most extravagant displays, Reykjavik mayor Jon Gnarr rode through the streets in a Gay Pride parade this weekend dressed like a band member — wearing a bright pink dress and matching balaclava — while lip-synching to one of Pussy Riot's songs.

The band members and their lawyers are convinced that the verdict depends entirely on the will of President Vladimir Putin.

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Just 2% of Canadians deny climate change: Survey

Paradigm shift. Poll comes after Alberta election, in which it is believed the Wildrose Party lost when party leader Danielle Smith refused to admit climate change exists

Only two per cent of Canadians who responded to a new opinion poll believe climate change is not occurring.

The findings are in a sur-

vey conducted by Insightrix Research, Inc. for IPAC-CO2 Research Inc., a Regina-based centre that studies carbon capture and storage.

The online poll of 1,550 people was done between May 29 and June 11. The results were released on Wednesday.

"Our survey indicates that Canadians from coast to coast overwhelmingly believe climate change is real and is occurring, at least in part due to human activity," said centre CEO Carmen Dybwad.

Respondents were asked



Scorched earth: Half of Canadians believe fossil fuels will still be used in 2050 for electricity production in Canada. GETTY IMAGES

where they stood on the issue of climate change.

Almost one third — 32

per cent — said they believe climate change is happening because of human activity, while 54 per cent said they believe it's because of human activity and partially due to natural climate variation. Nine per cent believe climate change is occurring due to natural climate variation.

Two per cent said they don't believe climate change is occurring at all.

The opinions about the cause of climate change and how to combat it are divided among the provinces and by region. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Melting. Greenland ice cap breaks record



An iceberg is seen off Ammassalik Island in Eastern Greenland in this 2007 file photo. JOHN MCCONNICO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Greenland ice cap has already broken a record for cumulative melting with a month left to go in the season.

Researchers at New York's City College say the ice cap has already set records for the extent of melting over its

surface and the amount of ice exposed to warming air temperatures.

All across the once-frozen top of the world, scientists report that sea ice appears to be headed for new record lows.

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E-dealer. Canadians among the top users of illicit drug website

Canadians are among the top sellers and buyers of marijuana, steroids, cocaine and other drugs available at the click of a mouse on an anonymous website that functions like a black market version of eBay, a study has found.

The website, called Silk Road, uses a digital currency to protect online purchases, and an anonymity software to conceal users' identities online, making it very difficult for law enforcement agents to locate the site's servers or its participants.

Nicolas Christin, a cyber security professor at Carnegie



Marijuana is the top-selling drug on the Silk Road site. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., said the website is growing at an alarming rate, with total revenues estimated at \$1.9 million per month.

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Accidental incident

Don't keep a gun in your pocket

A man accidentally shot himself in the buttocks Tuesday at a cinema in Nevada during a showing of *The Bourne Legacy*. The man told officers the gun fell from his pocket and discharged. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mexican forests

Logging axed in butterfly reserve

Illegal logging has nearly been eliminated in the western Mexico wintering grounds of the monarch butterfly, thanks in part to an anti-logging patrol program, a new research report says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Centuries-old sunken ship brought back from the deep

Dry land. Researchers at Texas university try to reconstruct French explorer's vessel with the help of a gigantic freeze-dryer

More than three centuries ago, a French explorer's ship sank in the Gulf of Mexico, taking with it France's hopes of colonizing a vast piece of the New World — modern-day Texas.

Like La Salle in 1685, researchers at Texas A&M University are in uncharted waters as they try to reconstruct his vessel with a gigantic freeze-dryer, the first undertaking of its size.

By placing the ship, named

Quoted

"People can see firsthand how history can turn on a dime."

Jim Bruseth, who led the Texas Historical Commission effort to recover the remains of the sunken ship La Belle



The hull of the 17th-Century French ship La Belle is shown at the Texas A&M University Center for Maritime Archaeology and Conservation in Bryan, Texas. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

La Belle, in a constant environment of up to 60 degrees below zero, more than 300 years of moisture will be safely removed from hundreds of European oak and pine timbers and planks.

Researchers will then rebuild the 16.5-metre vessel, which will become the centerpiece of the Bob Bullock Texas

State History Museum in the city of Austin.

From a historical perspective, it's "an icon of a small event that dramatically changed the course of Texas history," said Jim Bruseth, who led the Texas Historical Commission effort to recover the remains.

The supply ship was built in

1684 and sank two years later in a storm on Matagorda Bay, about midway between Galveston and Corpus Christi.

"When La Belle sank, that doomed La Salle's colony and opened up the door for Spain to come in and occupy Texas," Bruseth said. "People can see firsthand how history can turn on a dime." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Aussie court upholds cigarette-logo ban

Brand design. Tobacco companies argue that the ruling violates intellectual property rights, trademarks

Australia has urged other countries to adopt the world's toughest law on cigarette promotion, which was upheld Wednesday by the country's highest court and prohibits tobacco companies from displaying their logos on cigarette packs.

The High Court rejected a challenge by tobacco companies who argued the value of their trademarks will be destroyed if they are no longer able to display their distinctive colours, brand designs and logos on cigarette packs.

Starting in December, packs will instead come in a uniformly drab shade of olive and feature graphic health warnings and images of cancer-riddled mouths, blinded eyeballs and sickly children. The government hopes the new packs will make smoking as unglamorous as possible.



A proposed "plain-packaged" cigarette packet. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT/GETTY IMAGES

"Governments can take on big tobacco and win and it's worth countries looking again at what the next appropriate step is for them," Attorney General Nicola Roxon told reporters after the court ruling.

British American Tobacco, Philip Morris International, Imperial Tobacco and Japan Tobacco International are worried that the law will set a global precedent that could slash billions of dollars from

the values of their brands.

They challenged the new rules on the grounds that they violate intellectual property rights and devalue their trademarks.

The cigarette makers argued that the government would unfairly benefit from the law by using cigarette packs as a platform to promote its own message, without compensating the tobacco companies.

The court, which ordered the tobacco companies to pay the government's legal fees, withheld its reasons for the judgment on Wednesday. They'll be released later this year.

British American Tobacco spokesman Scott McIntyre said the company was disappointed in the court's decision but would comply with the law.

"Although the (law) passed the constitutional test, it's still a bad law that will only benefit organized crime groups which sell illegal tobacco on our streets. ... The illegal cigarette black market will grow further when all packs look the same and are easier to copy," McIntyre said in a statement.

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Child safety. Bumbo Baby Seats recalled in Canada

More than 4.6 million Bumbo Baby Seats are being recalled in North America, including about 342,000 in Canada, after reports of infant skull fractures.

Health Canada says babies can arch their backs and flip or manoeuvre out of the Bumbo floor seat, posing a risk of serious injuries or fall.

About one million of the moulded foam seats were recalled in October 2007 for additional warning labels against placing the Bumbo seats on raised surfaces, such as tables or kitchen counters.

Health Canada says since that recall it has received five reports of incidents related to the seats, three of them resulting in minor injury.

Canadian consumers are asked to stop using the seats and contact Bumbo for a free repair kit that includes a restraint belt and instructions on how to safely use the seat.

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Women virtually untapped in beer market: BMO report

Brewing competition. They're looking for low-cal, light beer: Expert

It's been mostly a man's world when it comes to beer.

Women are a big, untapped market for North American beer brewers as they face more competition from wine and spirits and specialty craft brewers, says a Bank of Montreal report.

"At this juncture, 80 per cent of beer sales are sold to guys," said David Rinneard, national manager of agriculture at BMO.

What women want is low-calorie, lighter-flavoured beer and beer-based beverages, he said Wednesday from Toronto.

Brewers will appeal to female sensibilities with these niche products along with commercials and marketing targeted at women, he said.

On the wagon

Per-capita consumption of beer remains flat in Canada and has fallen in the United States, the bank's study said.

- One of the challenges ahead for the North American brewing industry is the scorching temperatures this summer that could push up prices.
- Prices for barley, wheat and, to a lesser extent, hops have been going up.

"They're making a diligent effort and attempt to go after that new market."

Calories also are "unquestionably" a factor in getting women to drink more beer, Rinneard said, adding men can also be calorie conscious.

Traditionally, women weren't pursued by brewers because they didn't need the market with the "prosperous" and defined market of male beer drinkers, Rinneard said.

Beer for women is starting to make some inroads. "Chick Beer" is an American craft-brewed beer specifically aimed at women and boasts just 97 calories, 3.5 carbs per bottle and 4.2 per cent alcohol.

For the calorie conscious, there's Molson Ultra with 2.5 grams of carbohydrates, 97 calories and 4.5 per cent alcohol.

As wine and spirits affect beer consumption and the population ages, brewers have to look for other growth opportunities, Rinneard said.

"In essence, they're competing for a defined or limited amount of stomach space, if you can call it that."

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Samsung shooting for Apple

Baz Luhrmann, a movie writer, director and producer, discusses on Wednesday at a news conference how he has recently been using a Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1. Samsung Electronics Co.'s release is the latest shot at the dominance of Apple's iPad with a tablet equipped with a digital pen and a faster processor at the same price tag. The Wi-Fi-only version of the Galaxy Note 10.1 will go on sale in the U.S. on Thursday. The price starts at \$499 US for the basic model with 16 gigabytes of storage and \$549 for the 32-gigabyte model, expandable with an external memory card. Apple's latest iPad starts at the same price but the Note 10.1 offers some features that the iPad doesn't have, while its screen resolution is lower than the iPad's.

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Patent infringement

Lululemon takes Calvin Klein to court

Trendy yoga-gear maker Lululemon Athletica Inc.'s signature body-hugging pants have become so integral to the popularity of the brand that it is suing Calvin Klein Inc. for patent infringement over a very similar design.

Lululemon Athletica has filed a lawsuit in the U.S. accusing PVH Corp.'s Calvin Klein and G-III Apparel Group Ltd. of infringing on three different patents covering a specific overlapping style of waistband.

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STUDY SAYS WE'RE SILLY GOOSES



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A couple of enlightening new surveys released this month show that many Canadians are oblivious, dog-like fools. None of the articles written about the studies started that way, mind

you, but I think the news was buried.

What the stories did say was that many Canadians — myself included — manage their money with all the success of Research in Motion. Roughly half of us have no emergency savings, and a good chunk of young people plan to retire early but haven't actually started saving, you know, money.

Some of the reasons youth gave for not saving are a little baffling, as if I just made them up or something:

- 40 per cent plan to cash out their World of Warcraft gold, ignoring the fact that Mario coins have barely appreciated in value.
- 33 per cent have "liked" Retirement Savings on Facebook multiple times and don't know what more they could possibly do.
- Five per cent have access to the Fox News channel, and thus assumed socialist welfare state would cover costs.

Freedom fuddled

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It'd be one thing for a survey to show that, say, Canadians are overweight and unhealthy. But if the same survey showed that obese, chain-smoking Canadians had plans to compete at Rio, we might start questioning our mental-health system too.

Not that I'm one to talk.

I personally always keep several thousand dollars in my mattress for when the McRib comes back. But other than that, I am a typical, cash-confused Canadian.

My emergency savings consist of a jar in my apartment where I throw pennies, so that once it's full enough I can complain about how useless pennies are. A penny saved is a waste of time, I always say.

As for retirement, I plan to die retroactively at 27.

In other words, I feel Canada's financial pain. Or, more specifically, I don't feel it, which is the problem.

This is where we're like dogs. If you have a dog and he eats your food while you're out, you know it's pointless to discipline him; the crime and the punishment are too far apart, and he'll wonder why you're suddenly upset that he's licking himself for the 27th time that day.

As with global warming, we don't see the negative consequences right away, so we can't do the right thing.

It would be helpful if ATMs jolted you with 10,000 volts at every withdrawal, or if our credit cards were designed to give us nasty paper cuts.

Maybe if the bank teller scratched us behind the ear and told us we were good every time we made a deposit, we'd do it more often. If banks start doing this, please let me know. I'll be in your debt. And if my track record holds, most likely forever.



Want to plan for retirement with no money? Hal ISTOCK

Philippines turns into Venice



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Stormy weather

Natural disasters return to islands

Tropical storm Kai-Tak is battering the Philippines, with the islands still recovering from the last deadly storm just a week ago. Many roads are knee-deep in water, and at least four deaths have already been confirmed. Forecasters are hoping that Kai-Tak will be out of the Philippines by the end of the week. **METRO**

Trash at epidemic levels

"On a daily basis, at least 1,900 tonnes of garbage are collected during normal weather. During storm-related calamities, the volume increases five-fold."

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Worst Philippine storms

- **Nesat.** Struck in 2011, and spread as far as China. Caused over \$1 billion US in damage and 747 deaths.
- **Parma.** Killed 465 people and caused over \$600 million US in damage in 2009.
- **Fengshen.** Not as strong but impact worsened by poor forecasting; it killed over 1,300 people when it struck in 2008.

Coping methods

Finding ways to survive floods

The Philippines is hit by an average of 20 storms per year, and the locals have found ways to adapt. During storms hundreds of thousands of people move into evacuation centres including schools, gymnasiums and government buildings. In the coastal areas, many homes have to be repeatedly rebuilt. **METRO**



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Dinner theatre.

Despite financial hardships, Halifax Feast still puts on a heck of a show



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A photo of a serene Barbara Streisand hangs on the back wall. A sizeable photo, it grabs your attention away from the piles of papers that stand in towers of organized chaos around the room. Jim Petrie, who rocks in a nervous rhythm on his desk chair, glances up at the Broadway Goddess, "She calms me."

For 26 years, Petrie has manned the helm of the Halifax Feast Dinner Theatre "for better or worse."

Since the economic downturn from the States has climbed up across the border, Petrie has experienced a noticeable decline in bookings.

"The last two years have not been easy," he said. "We've lost a lot of American bus tours who

Quoted

"Ninety per cent of people that come they get hooked on it — even if they don't consider themselves music or theatre people — because it's such a relaxed atmosphere."

Jim Petrie, Halifax Feast Dinner Theatre



Cast of My Big Fat Cape Breton Wedding. HANDOUT

call a few weeks in advance to cancel because there are just not enough paying customers."

Perpetually on an upward scramble, Petrie not only has the global debt crisis to contend with but also harsh stereotypes that have attached themselves to dinner theatre.

We've all been there. Know-

ing we're sitting a little too close and for a split second we think it's safe to make eye contact with the actors and — BOOM — you're on a chair, in full costume, waiting with a sparkler. Traditional theatre it is not. However, as Petrie points out, it is indeed scripted, rehearsed, and professionally

casted.

"We are caught between the cracks of two types of audiences — the classical theatre goer and those who don't have the budget to spend," he said.

Financially, Petrie confides that he is not alone in suffering through these last

two years. Restaurants and small shops around Halifax thinly veil their financial panic from peak season to peak season. With the theatre's peak season slowly vanishing from the calendar, Petrie can't help but hope, hold on, and wonder — when will the ships start here?

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Expendables 2 stars were shocked by a recent injury by a stuntman during filming. JONATHAN SHORT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Action stars lamenting stuntman's on-set death

Expendables 2. As a lawsuit looms, the flick's biggest stars talk about the risks their stunt doubles take

Quote

"I could see like post-traumatic stress for a month after. Because he was very close to dying. It made us all realize that yeah, it is a dangerous business. You have to watch your steps."

Dolph Lundgren

Talking about his stuntman getting injured on set.

The veteran action stars of *The Expendables 2* say a stuntman's on-set death served as a reminder of the danger behind building big-screen thrills.

Sylvester Stallone, Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger star in the film, which plays as a throwback to their 1980s heyday.

The actors emerge unscathed from massive, bloody shootouts to crack wry one-liners, including some recycled from their own decades-old blockbusters.

The film was also distinctively old-school in its approach to action, using minimal computer effects in

favour of stunt work and real explosions.

Stuntman Kun Liu, 26, was killed during one such sequence while filming at a dam last year in Bulgaria.

Mixed martial arts fighter-turned-actor Randy Couture said the death during the second-unit shoot "changed the mood on the movie for a couple weeks, for sure."

Stallone, who also co-wrote the script, told reporters this week in London that there had been deaths during two of his previous films and "it's never easy."

Co-star Dolph Lundgren

said in an interview that his stunt double was seriously hurt in the same explosion, which he called a "major accident."

"I could see like post-traumatic stress for a month after. Because he was very close to dying," Lundgren said of his double, who was hit in the eye by a piece of iron. "It made us all realize that yeah, it is a dangerous business. You have to watch your steps."

Couture and actor Terry Crews said there was no thought of closing down the film after the death.

"Stuntmen take these

wonderful risks every day, like police officers, like firemen. It would be a shame to not finish," Crews said. "And we kind of galvanized around that. That was a big moment for all of us, where we were like, 'Let's go.'"

At the end of the credits, the film is dedicated to Kun Liu's memory.

But the stuntman's parents have sued Millennium Films and the movie's stunt co-ordinator, Chad Stahelski, claiming they were reckless in the preparations, training and execution of the stunt.

"That is a nice and thoughtful gesture to the decedent and his family, but certainly it does not absolve the responsible parties of his death," said Bill Karns, an attorney representing Zong Yu Liu and Yan Mei Bai.

Stahelski and Elizabeth Wolfe, a spokeswoman for Millennium Films, have declined comment on the case.

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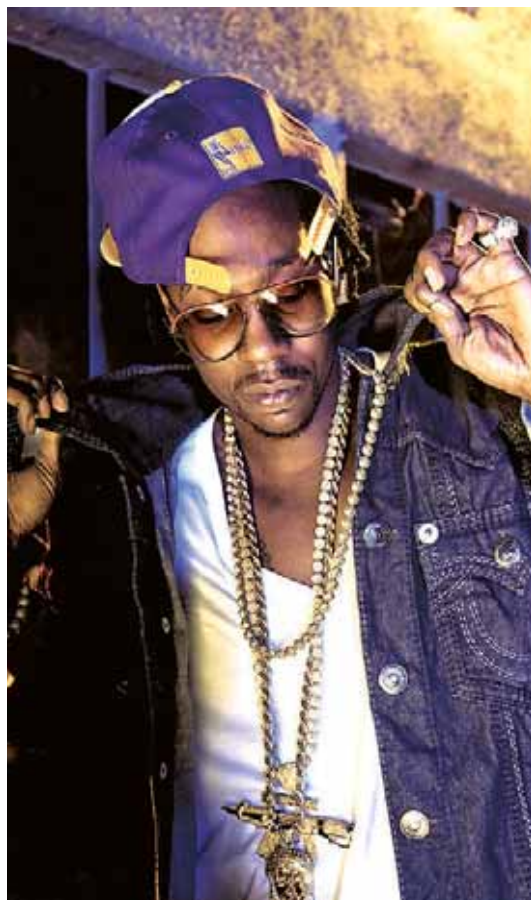
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'I JUST HAD TO DO OR DIE'

Rapper 2 Chainz looks to build on revived career with solo debut and top-level collaborations

Rapper 2 Chainz took some major risks two years ago when he bolted from Ludacris' Disturbing tha Peace record label, changed his stage name and left a group to pursue a solo career.

The Atlanta-based rapper, initially known as Tity Boi, scored big as a member of the rap duo Playaz Circle with the Lil Wayne-assisted 2007 hit Duffle Bag Boy. But the group's debut album barely sold 100,000 units, and their follow-up, 2009's Flight 360: The Takeoff, debuted at No. 74 and didn't launch any hits.

"I figured if I was going to do bad, I'd rather be bad all by myself," 2 Chainz said in a recent interview. "Even when I had a deal, I was paying out of pocket ... I was already funding videos, doing my mixtapes. You rarely get money out of labels, except for when they open up a budget for a project. Other than that, it's a do-or-die type

thing. So, for me, I just had to do or die."

Taking the risk to go solo is finally paying off.

A pair of successful mixtapes helped 2 Chainz consistently book concert shows and land guest appearances on hit songs, including Kanye West's No. 1 rap smash Mercy and the Nicki Minaj single Beez in the Trap. He also joined Minaj on her U.S. summer tour.

Now the rapper is hoping to capture audiences on his own with his solo debut, Based on a T.R.U. Story, released this week. The first single, No Lie, features Drake and is currently No. 1 on Billboard's R&B/Hip-Hop songs chart. The album features top acts like West, Minaj, Lil Wayne, John Legend, Scarface and The-Dream.

You had a sliver of lime-light in 2007, you fell into obscurity and now you're rising — a rare sequence

for a rapper's career. What do you attribute to your revived image?

I just worked harder than anyone else. There was no formula. I can't tell you a particular story or a contract I signed. My mind-set of just grinding it out, a lot of sleepless nights, thinking and praying a lot. The number of cities I was able to play in. The timing. Those combinations have helped get me to where I'm at today.

You had a lot control as an independent rapper. Now, you're signed to Def Jam Records. Why make the move when you were achieving so much independently?

When I left DTP, I wanted to do things on my own. I wanted people to respect my mind. I wanted people to respect some of my ideas. The independent route was the best move for me. But I think I've maximized everything I could do independently.

I've done everything out the mixtape market. I think getting the big machine behind you is the next stage when you've maximized the independent level.

How did you end up collaborating with A-list acts like Kanye West, Drake and Nicki Minaj?

I had already been communicating with them. I've known Drake for five years. Me and Drake were on tour with Lil Wayne when Drake was fresh off the TV show (Degrassi: The Next Generation). A lot of people don't know that. I've known Lil Wayne for a decade. I've had respect with them and in the hip-hop community. I just had to figure out a way to connect the dots with them and the fans.

With the community, I was cool. I was networking, hooked up with DJs. I was just being a people's person.

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No sequel for Stewart

While Rupert Sanders might still get to direct a follow-up to *Snow White* and the Huntsman, star Kristen Stewart reportedly won't be taking part, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

While a planned second film was set to follow Stewart's *Snow White*, studio Universal is now re-conceiving the sequel as a spin-off focusing on Chris Hemsworth's Huntsman.

"The studio is currently exploring options to continue the franchise," a Universal spokeswoman says. Sanders and Stewart made headlines when they acknowledged they'd been having an affair last month, though it's unclear if that situation had anything to do with the studio's decision.



Jean-Claude Van Damme

Van Damme cheated on wife with Kylie Minogue

Nearly 20 years later, Jean-Claude Van Damme confirms that yes, he did in fact cheat on his then-wife, Darcy LaPier, with singer Kylie Minogue while filming *Street Fighter*, according to the Guardian.

"Yes, yes, yes. It happened," Van Damme tells the newspaper. "It would be abnormal not to have had an affair, she's so beautiful

and she was there in front of me every day with a beautiful smile, simpatico, so charming. She wasn't acting like a big star."

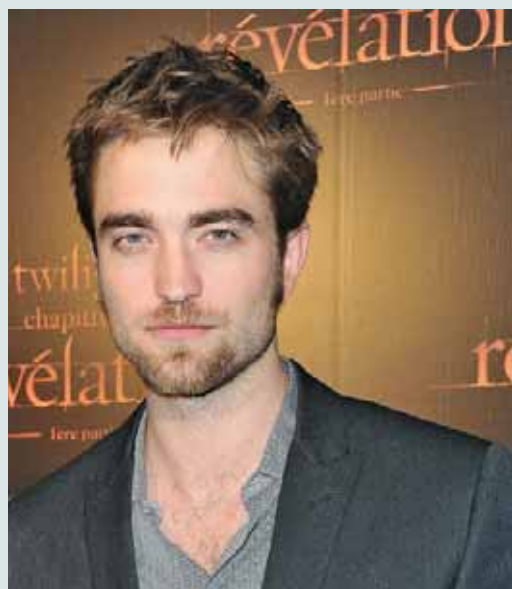
As for a more detailed recollection?

"You should ask her," he says. "She'll have a better memory. I'm 51 years old. Do you know how much I was punched in the face on *The Expendables*?"

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The Word



Pattinson dodging break-up questions

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With his latest film, *Cosmopolis*, set to hit theatres Friday, Robert Pattinson — who has never been one to talk about his personal life — has been at the mercy of the media.

He eased into things Monday with *The Daily Show*, where Jon Stewart playfully offered him a pint of break-up Ben & Jerry's before obediently asking him about the film that no

one cared about.

But *Good Morning America* host George Stephanopoulos wasn't about to let dignity get in his way yesterday morning.

After Pattinson didn't voluntarily offer any details about how he's coping after the Kristen Stewart cheating scandal, Stephanopoulos pressed, "What do you want your fans to know about what's going on in your personal life?"

Pattinson finally offered some insight: "I'd like my fans to know that Cinnamon Toast Crunch is just 130 calories."

We're pretty sure this is as close as we're ever going to get to eating breakfast with Robert Pattinson. And we'll take it — even if that is one skimpy little bowl of Cinnamon Toast Crunch.



Jennifer Aniston. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Aniston's rocking a major rock

Jennifer Aniston has been hiding her engagement ring, but that won't stop us from talking about it. According to *Life & Style*, fiancé Justin Theroux is significantly poorer this week. "It's a huge emerald-cut diamond," a "friend" of the couple tells the magazine

of the eight-carat rock.

"It's a rectangle with tapered diamond baguettes on the sides."

We already feel creepy talking about this, so sure, let's go for broke: Angelina Jolie is wearing a similarly-cut engagement ring from Aniston's ex, Brad Pitt.

Miley seems proud of new hairdo

Miley Cyrus has caught some flack for the drastic bleach-blond haircut she debuted on Twitter this week, but she's not taking it seriously.

In fact, she's taken to tweeting inspiring affirmations.

"Self love is the greatest of all flatterers," she posted Monday, while the next day she followed up with "Energy flows where our intention goes. Create your day," accompanied by a picture of the pixie-haired singer lounging in bed.

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Cosmo's Helen Gurley Brown leaves a legacy of frank sexual talk and message of fulfilment

Tired of beef burgers? Bison Sliders give grilled eats a tasty Native touch

An enthusiastic educator and entertainer, Chef David Wolfman, is an internationally-recognized and award-winning expert in wild game and traditional Aboriginal cuisine.

He is also the executive producer and host of Aboriginal Peoples Television Network's popular Cooking With the Wolfman program, on which he displays his signature Aboriginal Fusion.

Wolfman shares his delicious recipe for Bison Sliders, which you can serve up on a traditional hamburger bun with all your favourite



Chef David Wolfman. SUBMITTED

Ingredients

- 500 g ground Bison meat
- 5 ml each of rosemary, thyme and chives, chopped finely
- 125 g wild rice, cooked
- 2 med eggs
- 5 ml Dijon mustard
- 15 ml chili paste
- salt and pepper to taste
- 50 g bread crumbs
- 20 ml olive oil

condiments.

1. In a bowl mix the ground Bison meat, herbs and wild rice, then add the eggs, Dijon, chili paste, bread crumbs, salt and pepper and mix well. Form into small patties and chill for 30 minutes.

2. In a sauté pan, heat the oil, place the patties, cook until they are brown, turn over and repeat.

3. Remove from pan and place into the oven and cook until the internal temp

Bison Sliders



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4. Serve on slider buns and

with a salad such as a Jicama Slaw. Garnish with sliced tomato and spinach greens.

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In *A Feast for All Seasons*, written with Robert Gairns, he has compiled aboriginal recipes that feature ingredients from the land, sea and sky.

The 120 recipes include delectable, make-at-home dishes such as Salmon and Fiddlehead Stirfry, Stuffed Wild Duck, Barbecued Oysters, Pan-fried Rabbit with Wild Cranberry Glaze, Clam Fritters, Wild Blueberry Cookies, Moose Chili and more. **METRO**

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Dear Diane B,

First, when you go shopping I don't want you to worry or stress about thread count.

Feel the sheets and remember the fabric has "sizing" (a combination of light glue and starch on them, making them stiff and look good in the retail store), so you really need to buy one sheet, wash it and

sleep with it. I like sheets with "percale" in the summer. This is a closely woven smooth finish cotton. In the winter I love flannel sheets, and the best part of flannel for me is that they are warm on cold nights and don't need to be ironed!

I personally don't recommend anything with polyester simply because they don't breathe, so you are more likely to sweat in them and be uncomfortable.

Once you find a brand of sheets you like, you should have a minimum of two sets, and if budget allows, a third set.

This way you have one set that is dirty, one on the bed and an emergency back up for spills, dogs, kids, life,

etc. And finally in a perfect world bed sheets should be changed weekly.

Remember the human body sweats a litre of liquid per night and the exfoliation of dead skin about every 21 days all accumulate in your bed, and bacteria/mites love to feed on this.

Even if you don't have time to iron your sheets, change them often.

You will sleep better and feel better in clean fresh cotton sheets.

And the colour? I personally only buy white sheets but colour, pattern and style is truly a personal choice.

Pick your style and buy everything within that same style so it gives you lots of mix-and-match options. Sleep tight!

'Great competition' ahead at Moose rookie camp



Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme explains a drill at training camp last August at Cole Harbour Place. METRO FILE

QMJHL. Thirty-one newcomers fighting for a handful of jobs



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The Halifax Mooseheads might not have many jobs available this season, but they do have plenty of rookies hoping to earn them.

The Mooseheads, who open a four-day rookie camp at Cole Harbour Place on Thursday, are bringing in 31 newcomers to compete for just a handful of openings on a 2012-13 roster that is expected to be a QMJHL contender.

The Mooseheads have barely lost any regulars off a team that went on a surprising run to the semifinals last spring.

"That always provides for great competition," said Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell. "We've got room for three or four forwards, if you count a 13th and 14th forward, and we've got room for at least one or two defencemen. There's nothing set in stone with the goaltending situation. There are roster spots available."

A total of 19 players with significant QMJHL experience are coming to camp, including 11 forwards, six defencemen and two goaltenders.

Up front, Ontario free agent Max Lindsay and 2012 draft picks Jonathan Lacroix-Courville, Liam Alcalde and John Mullally are among those in the mix for jobs.

On defence, 2011 draft pick Brian Lovell and Ontario free agent Mac Weegar are frontrunners for jobs, while in goal, it's injury-plagued Anthony Tere-

Rookie camp schedule

- **Thursday and Friday at Cole Harbour Place:** Practice, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; practice, 3:30 to 4 p.m.; scrimmage, 4 to 4:50 p.m.
- **Saturday at Halifax Forum:** Cape Breton at Halifax, 7 p.m.
- **Sunday at Sydney:** Halifax at Cape Breton, 7 p.m.

zio looking to win back his job alongside starter Zach Fucale in his first on-ice action since last October. Several youngsters are nipping at his heels.

Fifty-minute intra-squad games will be held each day to help Russell and head coach Dominique Ducharme make evaluations. Pre-season games against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles Saturday and Sunday will further that cause.

"It's tough to evaluate just in practice," Russell said. "The two intra-squad games, plus the rookie pre-season games, should give everybody a good look."

Perhaps the most interesting battle for jobs will be up front, where the Mooseheads are stacked with skilled players — some proven, others being counted on for breakouts. Russell is looking for another dimension for the open spots.

"If you look at our roster, really, pretty well your first three lines are set," Russell said. "We're looking for players who can come in and play on the fourth line. Hard-working, penalty-killing type of guys but also guys who are capable of moving up on the top line if given an opportunity."

Ivan Hlinka tournament. Canada through to the semifinals in Slovakia

A come-from-behind win has put Canada in the semifinals at the Ivan Hlinka memorial under-18 men's hockey tournament in Piestany, Slovakia.

Canada rallied from a 2-0 deficit with three goals in the final five minutes to defeat host Slovakia 3-2 on Wednesday.

Ryan Kujawinski, Josh Morrissey and Sam Reinhart all found the net as Canada wrapped up the preliminary round with a perfect 3-0 record.

Halifax Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon assisted on Morrissey's game-

tying power-play marker. Jonathan Drouin, another Mooseheads forward, was held off the score sheet for the second straight game, while Herd goalie Zach Fucale got the day off after back-to-back starts.

Reinhart's winner came with just 53 seconds left.

Eric Comrie made 20 saves for the win as Canada had a 36-23 edge in shots.

The semifinals will be played Friday, while the medal games are Saturday. Canada has won four straight gold medals at the event.

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Nathan MacKinnon QMJHL

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Soccer playoffs set to kick off

The Nova Scotia Soccer League EastLink Premiership playoffs open Friday at Mainland Common.

On the women's side, top-seeded Halifax Dunbrack faces second-ranked Valley United in one quarter-final, while third-ranked Halifax City takes on Suburban FC in the other contest. Both games are at 7 p.m.

Women's action continues on Saturday at 1 p.m. with the los-

ers of Friday's games meeting in a semifinal for the right to meet the Dunbrack-Valley winner in Monday's championship game at 6:30 p.m.

Men's action opens on Saturday at 3 p.m. with No. 1 seed Valley United taking on Halifax Dunbrack in the first quarter-final.

Third-seeded Halifax City will go up against No. 4 Dartmouth United in the other game on Saturday.

Saturday's losers will meet in a semifinal on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. for the right to meet the Valley-Dunbrack winner in the final on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

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Mobile sports



Things in Boston just keep getting worse. With the Red Sox sitting 12 1/2 games back in the AL East, rumours had been swirling about a player mutiny against manager Bobby Valentine. The drama forced club owner John Henry to try to dispel that notion on Wednesday. Scan the code for the story.

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NHL and players' union still worlds apart, says Bettman

CBA. 'Number of issues' still unresolved with time running out

With one month to go before the NHL's collective bargaining agreement expires, the league and players seem no closer to a deal than when talks began in June.

In fact, the divide may have grown even further.

After waiting several weeks to receive a proposal from the NHL Players' Association, it took commissioner Gary Bettman less than 24 hours to conclude that the union's initial offering held little appeal for the owners.

"There's still a wide gap between us with not much time to go," Bettman said Wednesday in Toronto.

"I do think it's fair to say that the sides are still apart — far apart — and have different views of the world and the issues," he added.

The comments weren't encouraging for those hoping to see the league avoid its second lockout

in as many negotiations, and the third on Bettman's watch. The current CBA expires Sept. 15 and Bettman has already made it clear that the league will enact a work stoppage if a new deal isn't in place by then.

On Tuesday, the union put forth a proposal that included a smaller percentage of revenues for players over the next three seasons in exchange for an expanded revenue-sharing program to help struggling teams. The NHLPA estimated that players would be giving up \$465 million US in salaries if the league continued on its pace of growth each season.

However, that math didn't add up for the league. "I think it's fair to say that we value the proposal and what it means in terms of its economics differently than the players' association does," said Bettman. "I think there still are a number of issues where we're looking at the world differently."

"I'm not sure that there has yet been a recognition of the economics in our world — and I mean the greater world and the sports industry, taking into account what recently happened with the NFL and the NBA."

Both of those leagues went through recent lockouts before ultimately seeing the players' share in revenue reduced. The NHL's initial proposal called for a significant reduction from 57 per cent to 43 per cent,

Fehr cries foul

NHLPA head bristles at reception

The strong words Wednesday left many feeling like another lockout is ahead.

Donald Fehr, the NHLPA's executive director, was disappointed the owners weren't more receptive to what he viewed as significant concessions in the NHLPA's offer.

"There's a pretty substantial monetary gulf which is there and when you start with the proposal the owners made, how could it be otherwise?" said Fehr. "I mean, consider what the proposal was: It is 'Let's move salaries back to where they were before the (2004-05) lockout started, back to the last time.'"

"We had a 24 per cent reduction last time, let's have another one." That was the proposal. That's what creates the gulf."

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when factoring in changes to the way revenue is calculated.

Under the NHLPA's offer, the difference would be much less significant.

For his part, there was little Bettman could offer when asked about what he might say to fans concerned about the possibility of a



NHL commissioner Gary Bettman arrives for collective bargaining talks in Toronto on Wednesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

disruption to the season.

"I don't have an appetite either to not have hockey, so we're all in agreement on that," said Bettman. "I know what the game means and I know how important it is for our franchises and our game to be healthy from an economic standpoint and we're working

very, very hard."

The sides broke off from talks with two completely different offers on the table and no meaningful negotiation sessions planned for a week. A sub-committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, but Bettman and Fehr won't sit down together again until Aug. 22. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Jays drop second straight to Chicago

Adam Dunn belted his major league-leading 34th homer to anchor a five-run seventh inning and power the Chicago White Sox past the Toronto Blue Jays 9-5 on Wednesday night.

Dunn sent right-hander Brad Lincoln's third offering into the second deck to break a 4-4 tie, much to the dismay of a Rogers Centre gathering of 20,119. Dayan Viciedo added a two-run shot off Lincoln that put Chicago ahead 9-4.

Dewayne Wise also homered and drove in four runs for Chicago (64-52), which has won 14 of its last 21 games but earned just its fifth win in 20 contests in Rogers Centre.

Toronto (55-62) suffered its second straight loss to Chicago and seventh defeat in nine games overall.

The Blue Jays erased a 4-0 Chicago lead with one run in the fifth when Omar Viquez stole third and scored after being hit by Chicago catcher A.J. Pierzynski's throw to third. In the sixth, Kelly Johnson's three-run homer, his 14th of the season, made it 4-4.

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Ricky Romero walks back to the mound Wednesday in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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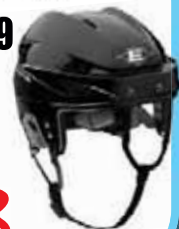
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Cabrera suspended 50 games for positive testosterone test

MLB. Giants outfielder leads National League in hitting and was all-star-game MVP

Melky Cabrera was suspended 50 games Wednesday following a positive test for testosterone, putting an abrupt end to what had been an MVP-calibre regular season and throwing the San Francisco Giants' playoff hopes into doubt.

Cabrera leads the National League in hitting. His penalty was the first for a high-profile player since last year's NL MVP, Ryan Braun, had his suspension overturned by an arbitrator last winter. The Braun case led to revisions in the drug agreement between owners and the players' association to better define procedures for handling the urine samples.

"My positive test was the result of my use of a substance I should not have used," Cabrera said in a statement released by the union. "I accept my suspension under the Joint Drug Program and I will try to move on with my life. I am deeply sorry for my mistake and I apologize to my teammates, to the San Francisco Giants organization and to the fans for letting them down."

Cabrera is batting .346 with 11 home runs and 60 RBIs in his first season with San Francisco and is five hits shy of 1,000 in his big league career. Flashing bright orange spikes, he singled and hit a two-run homer last month in the National League's 8-0 win in the all-star game, earning MVP honours for the game and securing home-field advantage for the World Series.

Cabrera could still win the



This June 5 photo shows Melky Cabrera reacting after striking out against the San Diego Padres. Cabrera has been suspended for 50 games without pay after testing positive for testosterone. LENNY IGNEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"He's a friend. I'm going to be there for him. I never talked to him about anything like that. Sad day."

New York Yankees second basemen Robinson Cano on Cabrera's suspension.

NL batting title. He has 501 plate appearances, one less than the minimum required to win a batting championship for a player on a team playing 162 games. However, under 10.22(a) of the Official

Baseball Rules, he would win the batting title if an extra hitless at-bat is added to his average and it remains higher than that of any other qualifying player.

He will miss the final 45

games of the regular season and serve the remainder of the suspension at the start of next season or during the post-season, depending on whether the Giants make the playoffs and how far they advance.

Cabrera became the second Giants player to receive a drug suspension this season. Reliever Guillermo Mota was penalized for 100 games in May.

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MLB. Hernandez finds perfection against Rays

King Felix now has a crowning achievement.

Felix Hernandez pitched the Seattle Mariners' first perfect game and the 23rd in baseball history, overpowering the Tampa Bay Rays in a brilliant 1-0 victory Wednesday.

The 2010 AL Cy Young Award winner has long talked of his desire to achieve pitching perfection. He finally accomplished it against the Rays, striking out the side twice and finishing with 12 strikeouts.

It was the third perfect game in baseball this season — a first — joining gems by Chicago's Philip Humber against the Mariners in April and San Francisco's Matt Cain versus Houston in June. More than half of all perfectos — 12 — have come in the last 25 seasons.

This also was the sixth no-hitter in the majors this season, three of them at Safeco Field. Humber threw his gem in Seattle, then six Mariners pitchers combined to hold the Los Angeles Dodgers hitless at the park on June 8.

For the Rays, it was an all-too-familiar feeling. This was the third time in four seasons they had a perfect game pitched against them, follow-



Felix Hernandez was doused with water after throwing a perfect game Wednesday in Seattle. GETTY IMAGES

ing efforts by Dallas Braden in 2010 and Mark Buehrle in 2009.

"I don't have any words to explain this," Hernandez said to the crowd, speaking on the field after the final out. "I've been working so hard to throw one and today is for you guys."

With one out to go, Sean Rodriguez got ahead 2-0 in the count. Hernandez came back with two straight breaking balls for strikes and ended perfection with a called third strike on his 113th pitch.

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English Premier League

Van Persie heads to Man United

Manchester United is set to complete the signing of Robin van Persie from Arsenal on Thursday after the Premier League rivals reached an agreement over the sale of the Netherlands striker.

The Dutchman, who was the Premier League's top scorer last season with 30 goals, refused to sign a new contract with Arsenal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

International soccer

Canada solid in tune-up for World Cup qualifying

Tosaint Ricketts' second-half goal was the winner on Wednesday as Canada picked up a 2-0 win over Trinidad and Tobago in an international friendly.

Will Johnson added a late goal. Canada resumes its World Cup qualifying campaign next month with two games against Panama.

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Don't cut corners or disobey rules, especially on the work front where colleagues and employers won't be too happy if you do the opposite of what is expected of you. There's a lot at stake — don't mess up.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Watch what you say today because you may be tempted to go over the top and let slip something you will later regret. Also, make no accusations that you cannot back up with rock solid facts and figures.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Your financial situation is not so bad that you have to cash in your stocks and shares or sell off your assets. However, your everyday spending habits do need some attention. Where can you make savings?

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Petty arguments could very easily get out of hand today, so watch your temper. Others may be unjustly critical of what you are doing but the best way to deal with them is just to ignore them.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You seem to be out of touch with what is going on around you at the moment but that's no bad thing. If you get involved with other people's battles, you could end up as one of the wounded.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Listen to what other people have to tell you today and, if their proposals sound good, offer to join forces and make it happen. You are not the only one who has good ideas. Teamwork invariably brings success.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

What you are offered today may fall short of what you desire but the planets indicate it is the best deal you are going to get, so you might as well take it. And don't forget to show your appreciation.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Delays of one sort or another are likely today but don't let that stop you getting out into the world and meeting new people. In most situations, a smile and a kind word will get you past obstructions.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Few things are as bad as they first appear to be and if you keep that thought in mind today you won't go far wrong. A temporary setback is just that so don't make a huge deal of it.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It may be easy to get annoyed with people who cannot live up to your standards, but if you do it will only make matters worse. Stay calm and realize that, for some, your standards are impossibly high.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You would be wise to think twice before acting on a hunch today, especially on the work front where your reputation could take a nose-dive if you make the wrong call. Let's others take the risks.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You should be doing more. You should be making better use of the talents you were born with. What you need to remember is that each and every day can be a new beginning. Forget about yesterday — act today.

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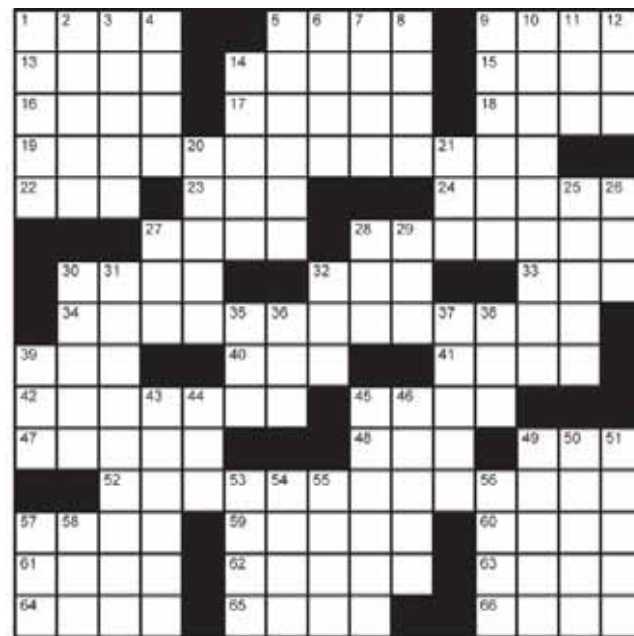
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Across

1. ___ cadabra
5. Chimney cleaner's concern
9. The most successful Swedish music act
13. Beaufort and Bering
14. Fall crop spoiler
15. Street
16. Painting and sculpture, e.g.
17. Slightest
18. Animal fat
19. Ottawa resident who starred in the Mummy film series (2 wds.)
22. Hardly a gentleman
23. Key beside F1
24. *My Dinner with ___*: 1981 film
27. Ancient cross with circular loop
28. ___ Party: Canada's oldest federally registered party
30. ___ time: never (2 wds.)
32. Inc.'s Canadian counterpart
33. Lubricant
34. What Canada Day commemorates
39. ___ up: soak (gravy with bread)
40. "___ are for kids"
41. Emoters
42. Northwest ___: sea route on Canadian mainland's N coast
45. Vancouver team member
47. *The ___*: series starring Mr. T (2 wds.)
48. ___ and outs
49. Consumed
52. City known as "The Birthplace of Confederation"
57. Tegan and ___: Calgary-born rockers
59. "___ No Good": Linda Ronstadt hit
60. Spoiled kid
61. Any time
62. 1950s Ford flop
63. Mix by hand
64. "___ Smile Be Your Umbrella" (2 wds.)
65. Arranges, as a dinner table
66. Window unit

Down

1. "It's easy ___!": very simple (comparison) (2 wds.)
2. Legendary Yankee catcher Yogi
3. ___ R: for mature audiences
4. Org.
5. Canadian language
6. Bread unit
7. Soviet Union
8. Songstress James
9. Garfield's feline girlfriend
10. Corporate meeting place
11. Place serving 53-Down
12. Sum
14. Chemistry lab vessel
20. Words before "iniquity" or "thieves" (2 wds.)
21. Sat. or Sun. (depending on religion)
25. Precipitates
26. House wing 27.
36. Expire
37. "All ___ in favor ..."
38. Gandalf portrayer McKellen
39. Whirlpool site
43. African desert
44. "I ___ Rock": Simon & Garfunkel hit (2 wds.)
45. Gasoline units
46. "___ Inside": computer slogan
49. Main artery
50. Ontario-born singer Shania
51. ___ nous: confidentially (literally, between us)
53. Strong drinks sometimes called redeye
54. Ore deposit
55. Eject
56. Three tsps.
57. Poivre tablemate
58. 15-Across cousin: abbr.



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"Barbara ___": 1966 Beach Boys hit
28. Env. content
29. Film noir actress Lupino
30. "... ___ of many colors" (2 wds.)
31. Hush-hush (2 wds.)
32. ___ Luthor: Superman's nemesis
35. Heart measure, for short

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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